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1. The Ethiopian Government for the past six months has been considering the establishment of a meteorological service. The aims of the service will be to supply current information for the use of military and commercial aviation, and long range information to the Ministry of Agriculture.
2. The service would operate about twenty stations located throughout the country. There are no trained personnel to operate these stations, but Ethiopian Army radio operators may be used in some places. At present there is only one station in daily operation in Ethiopia. Equipment, supplied by UNRRA, for 14 complete observation stations is now in the country.
3. The Ethiopian Government will probably approach the Sudan Irrigation Department and the Egyptian Irrigation Department for financial assistance in establishing stations in the Nile basin and in training personnel for the stations in the Sudan.
4. Both the Board of Civil Aviation and the Ministry of Agriculture expect to have control of the proposed meteorological service and both are going ahead with plans to develop it. Informant states that neither will have the funds to operate it if it is established.
5. The Ministry of Agriculture is presently considering the employment of a White Russian, M. Lifficine, as the head of the new service. He was formerly the head of the Yugoslav meteorological service, and is very well qualified for the position. For two years during World War II he was in a German concentration camp. He is now residing in Vienna. His salary will be \$E. 10,000 per year.
6. Ronald Hoffman, an American, is in charge of meteorological matters for the Board of Civil Aviation.

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